On October 17, 2024, Defendants filed their Answer and Counterclaims, including a counterclaim brought by DT for business defamation. Dkt. 59, ¶¶ 33-36.

Pursuant to the Court's Chamber Procedures § 5.6, the Parties met and conferred on October 29 regarding Valve's intended motion to dismiss and motion to strike. The Parties further conferred via email on October 31 and November 11. Dkt. 67-2.

On November 15, 2024, Defendants filed an Amended Answer and Counterclaims, and DT did not amend or withdraw its counterclaim for business defamation. Dkt. 63, ¶ 30.

Pursuant to the Court's Chamber Procedures § 5.6, the Parties further conferred via email, including regarding Valve's intention to move to dismiss DT's counterclaim for business defamation. Dkt. 67-3. DT did not amend or withdraw its counterclaim.

On December 20, 2024, Valve filed its Motion to Dismiss DT's business defamation counterclaim. Dkt. 67.

On January 21, 2025, instead of responding to Valve's motion, DT agreed to withdraw its business defamation counterclaim against Valve without prejudice. Dkt. 70.

To withdraw DT's business defamation counterclaim, Defendants are required to amend their Amended Answer and Counterclaims.

To avoid unnecessarily prolonging the pleading stage and mooting Valve's co-pending Motion to Strike (Dkt. 66), the Parties agree that within seven (7) days of the Court's order on Valve's Motion to Strike (Dkt. 66), Defendants will amend their Amended Answer to Plaintiff's Second Amended Complaint to remove DT's business defamation counterclaim and make any additional changes required by the Court's order, if any.

In light of this agreement, Valve hereby withdraws its pending Motion to Dismiss (Dkt. 67), noted for consideration on January 31, 2025 (Dkt. 69). Valve's withdrawal is without prejudice if DT fails to remove its business defamation counterclaim or if DT reasserts any claim for business defamation in the future.

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